

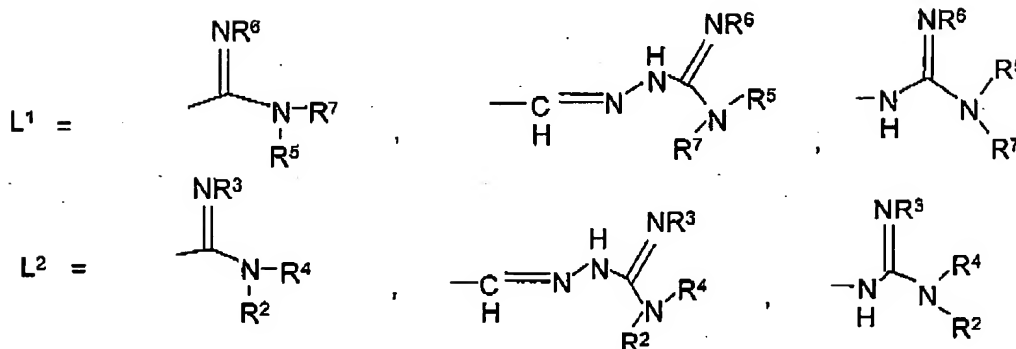
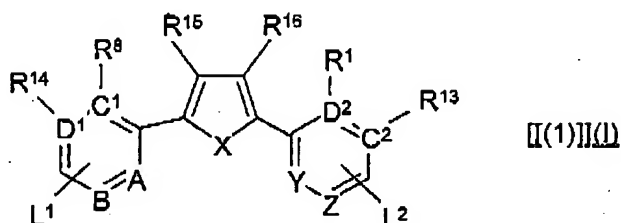
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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten Abstract:

A compound of Formula (I):



wherein:

X is selected from the group consisting of O, S, and NR^{17} , where R^{17} is hydrogen or lower alkyl;

C^1 , C^2 , A[[.]] and Y are CH, N, NR^{17} , O, or S;

C^1 and C^2 are each C or N, wherein C^1 and C^2 are the same or different;

D^1 [[.]] and D^2 , B, and Z are CH, N, or NR^{17} are each C or N, wherein D^1 and D^2 are the same or different;

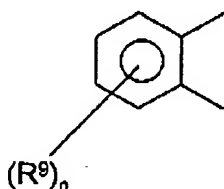
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B and Z are CH, N, or NR¹⁷, provided that B, Z, or both B and Z are not present when A, Y, or both A and Y are O, S, or NR¹⁷;

R¹³, R¹⁴, R⁴⁵, R⁴⁶, R¹ and R⁸ can be present or absent, and when present are selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, halogen, alkoxy, aryloxy, aralkoxy and hydroxyl;

R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ are selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, halogen, alkoxy, aryloxy, aralkoxy and hydroxyl;

R³ and R⁶ are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, hydroxy, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, hydroxycycloalkyl, alkoxycycloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, acyloxy, acetoxy, and alkylaminoalkyl; and R², R⁴, R⁵ and R⁷ are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, and alkylaminoalkyl, or R² and R⁴ together or R⁵ and R⁷ together represent a C₂ to C₁₀ alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, or alkylene, or R³ and R⁴ together or R⁶ and R⁷ together are:

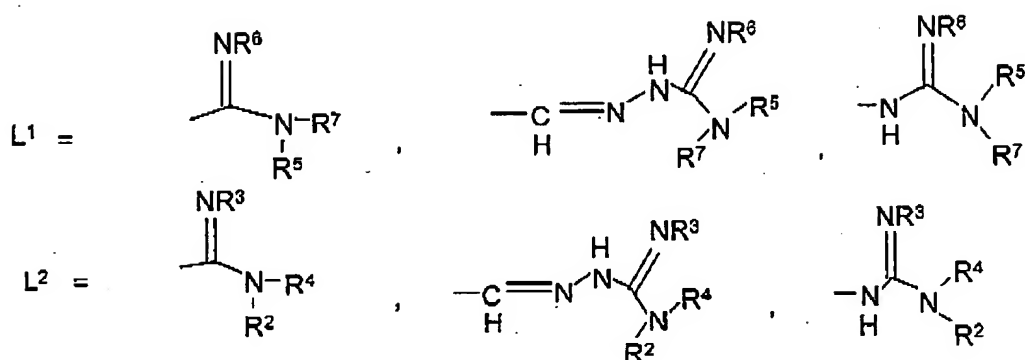
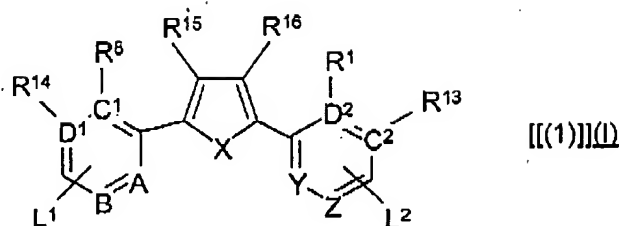


wherein n is a number from 1 to 3, and R⁹ is H or -CONHR¹⁰NR¹¹R¹², wherein R¹⁰ is lower alkyl and R¹¹ and R¹² are each independently selected from the group consisting of H and lower alkyl.

Please replace the paragraphs starting at line 8, page 3 and going thru line 15, page 4 with the following rewritten sentence:

Accordingly, a first aspect of the present invention is a compound of Formula (I):

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wherein:

X is selected from the group consisting of O, S, and NR^{17} , where R^{17} is hydrogen or lower alkyl;

C^1 , C^2 , A, Y and NR^{17} are CH, N, O, or S;

C^1 and C^2 are each C or N, wherein C^1 and C^2 are the same or different;

D^1 , D^2 , B, and Z are each CH, N, or NR^{17} , wherein D^1 and D^2 are the same or different;

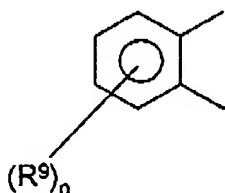
B and Z are CH, N, or NR^{17} , provided that B, Z, or both B and Z are not present when A, Y, or both A and Y are O, S, or NR^{17} ;

R^{13} , R^{14} , R^{15} , R^{16} , R^1 and R^8 can be present or absent, and when present are selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, halogen, alkoxy, aryloxy, aralkoxy and hydroxyl;

R^{15} and R^{16} are selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, halogen, alkoxy, aryloxy, aralkoxy and hydroxyl;

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R^3 and R^6 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, hydroxy, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, hydroxycycloalkyl, alkoxy-cycloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, acyloxy, acetoxy, and alkylaminoalkyl; and R^2 , R^4 , R^5 and R^7 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, and alkylaminoalkyl, or R^2 and R^4 together or R^5 and R^7 together represent a C_2 to C_{10} alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, or alkylene, or R^3 and R^4 together or R^6 and R^7 together are:

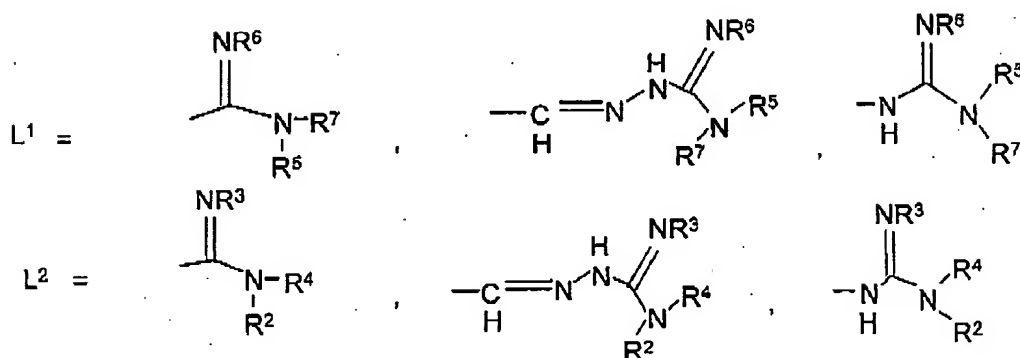
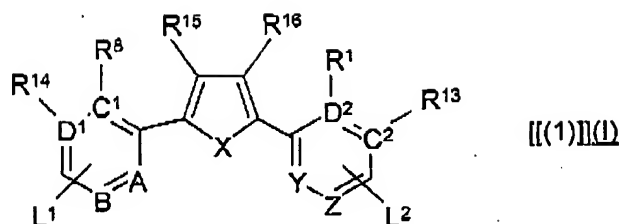


wherein n is a number from 1 to 3, and R^9 is H or $-\text{CONHR}^{10}\text{NR}^{11}\text{R}^{12}$, wherein R^{10} is lower alkyl and R^{11} and R^{12} are each independently selected from the group consisting of H and lower alkyl.

Please replace the paragraphs starting a page 5, line 18 and going thru page 7, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraphs:

Disclosed herein is a compound of the Formula (I):

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wherein:

X is selected from the group consisting of O, S, and NR^{17} , where R^{17} is hydrogen or lower alkyl;

C^1 , C^2 , A, B, and Y are CH, N, NR^{17} , O, or S;

C^1 and C^2 are each C or N, wherein C^1 and C^2 are the same or different;

D^1 , D^2 , B, and Z are CH, N, or NR^{17} , wherein D^1 and D^2 are the same or different;

B and Z are CH, N, or NR^{17} , provided that B, Z, or both B and Z are not present when A, Y, or both A and Y are O, S, or NR^{17} ;

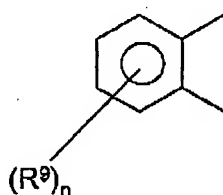
R^{13} , R^{14} , R^{15} , R^{16} , R^1 and R^8 can be present or absent, and when present are selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, halogen, alkoxyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy and hydroxyl;

R^{15} and R^{16} are selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, halogen, alkoxyl, aryloxy, aralkoxy and hydroxyl;

R^3 and R^6 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, hydroxy, lower alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxyl, hydroxycycloalkyl,

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alkoxycycloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, acyloxy, acetoxy, and alkylaminoalkyl; and R^2 , R^4 , R^5 and R^7 are each independently selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, alkoxyalkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, and alkylaminoalkyl, or R^2 and R^4 together or R^5 and R^7 together represent a C_2 to C_{10} alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, or alkylene, or R^3 and R^4 together or R^6 and R^7 together are:



wherein n is a number from 1 to 3, and R^9 is H or $-\text{CONHR}^{10}\text{NR}^{11}\text{R}^{12}$, wherein R^{10} is lower alkyl and R^{11} and R^{12} are each independently selected from the group consisting of H and lower alkyl.